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Family Alliance, Inc.

00-0175

Petition for Eligibility pursuant to 83
Illinois Administrative Code 755,
Section 210

RESPONSE TO PETITION

Now comes the Staff of the Illinois Commerce Commission ("Staff") and submits this response to the Petition filed by Family Alliance, Inc. ("Petitioner") on February 22, 2000, for designation as an organization eligible to receive a Text Telephone (TT)

Section 13-703(d) of the Public Utilities Act ("the Act") states:

The Commission shall determine and specify those organizations serving the needs of those persons having a hearing or speech disability that shall receive a telecommunications device and in which office the equipment shall be installed in the case of an organization having more than one office. For the purposes of this Section, "organizations serving the needs of those persons with hearing or speech disabilities" means centers for independent living as described in Section 12a of the Disabled Persons Rehabilitation Act and not-for-profit organizations whose primary purpose is serving the needs of those persons with hearing or speech disabilities. The Commission shall direct the telecommunications carriers subject to its jurisdiction and this Section to comply with its determinations and specifications in this regard.

A review of the materials submitted with the petition indicates that the Petitioner is a not-for-profit organization and is not owned by any political subdivision, public

institution of higher learning, state agency, or municipal corporation of this state. That the primary purpose of Family Alliance, Inc. is to provide Adult Day Health Services for seniors (55+) of McHenry County. Petitioner's philosophy is based on the need for senior citizens of McHenry County to remain self-sufficient and independent as long as possible with the support of family, friends, neighbors and available interventive services. It is Petitioner's intent to keep the seniors of McHenry County from being prematurely institutionalized, allowing seniors to maintain dignity and independence through the aging process. Services provided to those individuals with hearing or speech disabilities would be incidental to the services provided to the senior citizens of McHenry County. Therefore, it is Staff's opinion that serving the needs of persons with hearing or speech disabilities is not the primary purpose of the petitioning organization. The Petitioner does not meet the statutory test for designation as a TT recipient organization

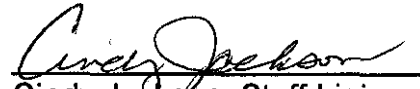
WHEREFORE, Staff does not seek a hearing in this matter

Respectfully submitted,


Cindy Jackson, Staff Liaison
Consumer Services Division

VERIFICATION

I, Cindy Jackson, first being duly sworn upon oath depose and say that I am the Staff Liaison in the Consumer Services Division, that I have read the above and foregoing Response to Petition, and that the facts and matters set forth therein are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.


Cindy Jackson, Staff Liaison
Consumer Services Division

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 15th day of March, 2000.


(Notary Public)



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NOTICE OF FILING


TO: SEE ATTACHED SERVICE LIST

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that I have on this 15th day of March, 2000, forwarded to the Chief Clerk of the Illinois Commerce Commission, for filing in the above docket, a Response to Petition filed by Staff of the Illinois Commerce Commission, copies of which are hereby served upon you.


Cindy Jackson, Staff Liaison
Consumer Services Division

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that copies of the foregoing Notice, together with the documents referred to therein, were served upon the parties on the attached Service List, by first class mail, proper postage prepaid, from Springfield, Illinois on this 15th day of March, 2000.


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